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POLLUTION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of most polluted cities of the country, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to reduce pollution level in such States during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS [SHRI T.R. BAALU]

(a) The pollution levels reach the critical levels in certain areas of the following cities:-

States/U.Ts.	Cities
Bihar	Patna
	Dhanbad
	Jamshedpur
Delhi	Delhi
Himachal Pradesh	Parwanoo
Karnataka	Bangalore
Maharashtra	Sholapur
	Nasik
	Pune
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
	Indore
	Bhilai
	Raipur
Rajasthan	Alwar
	Udaipur
	Jaipur
	Jodhpur
	Kota
Tamil Nadu	Madurai
Uttar Pradesh	Dehradun
	Gajraula
	Kanpur
	Varanasi
	Lucknow
West Bengal	Calcutta
Chandigarh	Chandigarh

(b) The steps taken by the Government for Prevention and Control of Pollution include the following: -

- Steps have been taken to Control Pollution from 17 categories of highly polluting industries.

- To promote pollution prevention in small scale industries, a number of waste minimization circles have been set up in various parts of the country for adoption of clean technology, better work practices and energy conservation techniques.

- For control of pollution from automobiles, stricter emission standards, introduction of unleaded petrol in major cities, installation of catalytic converters, introduction of low sulfur fuels and improvement in the fuel quality have been undertaken.

- Common Effluent Treatment Plants [CETP] in cluster of small scale industrial units have been set up in most of the areas.

- A Network of ambient air and water Quality Monitoring Stations has been set up throughout the country.

- Effluent and Emission Standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, for different categories of industries. Besides, standards for ambient air and water quality have also been notified.

- Central Pollution Control Board [CPCB]/State Pollution Control Boards [SPCBs] have taken action against the defaulting industria units.